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**WARNING LETTER**

**FEDERAL EXPRESS**

Mr. Don O. Covington, President  
Texas Dry Dock, Inc.  
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Dear Mr. Covington:

During inspections of two of your watering points, Texas Dry Dock, Inc., Port Arthur, Texas, and TDI Offshore, Inc., Sabine Pass, Texas, on March 5 and 7, 1997, our investigator documented deviations from Title 21, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Part 1250. Therefore, the referenced watering points have been classified as "Provisional".

Our investigation revealed significant insanitary conditions, including:

1. Backflow prevention devices are not properly installed and/or not provided for each outlet.
2. End caps and keeper chains are not provided for outlets.
3. Potable water hydrants and outlets are not identified.

This letter is not intended to be an all-inclusive list of deficiencies at your vessel watering points and it is your responsibility to ensure adherence to each requirement of the regulations. You should assure that all vessel watering points are in compliance with the regulations.

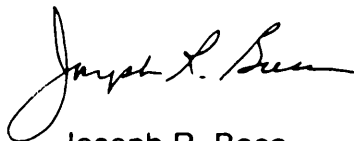
A list of Inspectional Observations (FDA-483) was issued to and discussed with responsible individuals at each firm. Copies of the FDA-483s are enclosed for your reference. Please review the observations noted by the investigator at both locations inspected. You should take prompt action to correct these deviations and ensure that

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future violations do not recur. Failure to correct these critical violations can result in further action by FDA. Your watering points may be placed on a "Not Approved" status if future similar violations occur.

You should notify this office in writing, within fifteen (15) days of receipt of this letter, stating the specific steps you have taken to correct the aforementioned violations. Your reply should be directed to Gwen Gilbreath, Compliance Officer, at the above letterhead address.

Sincerely,



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